

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: By Vice Chairman Jon Sonju, on January 16, 2007
at 9:00 A.M., in Room 152 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Bob Lake, Chairman (R)
Rep. Jill Cohenour, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Jon Sonju, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Norma Bixby (D)
Rep. Mark Blasdel (R)
Rep. Edward B. Butcher (R)
Rep. Ron Erickson (D)
Rep. Wanda Grinde (D)
Rep. Robin Hamilton (D)
Rep. Edward Hilbert (R)
Rep. Mike Jopek (D)
Rep. Gary MacLaren (R)
Rep. Dave McAlpin (D)
Rep. Bill Nooney (R)
Rep. JP Pomnichowski (D)
Rep. John (Jack) W. Ross (R)
Rep. Chas Vincent (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Carol Lambert (R)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Jeff Martin, Legislative Branch
Debra Polhemus, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only.

They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 236, 1/11/2007; HB 240,
1/10/2007

00:01:36 David Hunter, Deputy Director, Montana Department of
Revenue

[EXHIBIT\(tah10a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tah10a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tah10a03\)](#)

00:02:32 Rep. Ross

00:03:05 Rep. MacLaren

HEARING ON HB 240

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:04:12 Rep. Bill Nooney (R), HD 100, opened the hearing on HB
240, Short-term emergency lodging tax credit.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:06:44 Cindy Weese, Executive Director, YWCA, Missoula,
Montana

[EXHIBIT\(tah10a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tah10a05\)](#)

00:11:55 Mary Smith, Office Manager, Salvation Army, Helena,
Montana

00:15:40 Kelsen Young, Executive Director, Domestic Violence??

00:18:05 Stuart Doggett, representing Montana Innkeeper's
Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:20:29 Larry Sullivan, Montana Department of Revenue

00:21:00 Dan McGowen, Administrator, Montana Disaster Services,
Montana Department of Military Affairs

00:22:47 Dale McBride, Montana Public Health & Human Services

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:23:26 Rep. Ross
00:24:17 Rep. Butcher
00:25:19 Rep. Erickson
00:26:27 Rep. Hamilton
00:27:29 Rep. Butcher
00:34:03 Rep. Pomnichowski
00:34:41 Rep. Cohenour
00:36:39 Rep. Erickson

Closing by Sponsor:

00:37:17 Rep. Bill Nooney

HEARING ON HB 236

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:38:07 Rep. Hal Jacobson (D), HD 82, opened the hearing on HB 236, Residential property tax credit for elderly -- adjust for inflation.

[EXHIBIT](#)(tah10a06)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:46:41 Betty Beverly, Executive Director, Montana Senior Citizens Association
00:50:30 Marg Crennan, Volunteer Advocate, AARP of Montana
[EXHIBIT](#)(tah10a07)
00:53:03 Holly Franz, Attorney, Helena, representing Montana Society of CPA's
00:55:10 Rep. Ron Erickson, HD 93

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:56:28 Larry Sullivan, Montana Department of Revenue

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:56:46 Rep. Ross
01:00:22 Rep. Butcher
01:09:42 Rep. Cohenour
01:13:31 Rep. Ross
01:14:06 Rep. MacLaren

Closing by Sponsor:

01:18:27 Rep. Hal Jacobson

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:30 A.M.

REP. BOB LAKE, Chairman

DEBRA POLHEMUS, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([tah10aad.pdf](#))